

Board of Recreation Commissioners

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BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MARCH 2ND, 2011

Roll Call:

D. Aponte	Present
R. Correa	Present
J. Galligan	Present
D. Kostantakis	Present
P. Musse	Present
J. Rafti	Present
R. Riquelme	Present
D. Totten	Present
M. Vietri	Present
B. Wicker	Present
Councilman Carrick	Present

Chairman Correa called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

J. Rafti made a motion to accept the February 2011 minutes. P. Musse seconded motion to accept minutes. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/yes, Rafti/, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Correa announced, "All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners of the Borough of Dumont".

- Notices have been transmitted to the newspapers
- Notice is prominently posted in space provided on the bulletin board of the Borough Hall
- Notice has been filed with the Borough Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tony Como, President of Senior Baseball will be brining all 6 teams (72 participants) to the Newark Bear's Stadium on Saturday, June 25th, 2011 to play 3 exhibition games. The cost per team is \$275.00 with each playing covering \$10.00 and the remainder covered by the program. The stadium provides the refs, the balls, etc and Dumont can bring someone with them to sing the National Anthem. Games start between 9-11am and games will end around 3-4pm. The boys will be transported by their own families.

Wanda Leeds and Mike Perillo want to have a softball tournament all funds going to the 2012 Project Graduation Fund. Two proposals were submitted for Saturday, June 25th, 2011 with a rain date of Sunday, June 26th, 2011.

Proposal #1 – 9am-7pm at Bedford & Selzer Fields. Teams would be made up of in town teams comprised of recreation men's and women's softball program, teachers, fireman and police officers. Requesting Berkley Road closed between Barbara Road and White

Beeches Drive so they can set up food stands between the 2 fields. (Request would need to be put in with the Mayor and Council and the Police Department for block party request to close off field)

Proposal #2 – 9am at Little League Fields @ Memorial Park. Teams would be the same as above. Request use of hut or set up stands near the field. This location poses a problem regarding size of field and distance the ball is hit out of the field.

Recreation office will check with Dumont Soccer to see if the field will be open at this time at Selzer and also to make sure Bedford would be open on that day with the ladies and men's softball programs.

Bobby Challenger is requesting space at the borough hall to give instructional clinics for wrestling and also to have area for Jujitsu instruction. The clinics would be no charge and for Dumont residents. Requesting Sundays for 4 hours starting noon to 4pm. Would like to start on Sunday, March 13th. They have their own mats and need an area to store them during the week. Over seeing the clinics is Scott Stevenson, Brendan O'Connor and Bobby Challenger. Suggestion was made to use the 2nd floor meeting room and an area for the mats will be looked in to.

J. Rafti made a motion to close the Open Public portion of the meeting at this time. J. Galligan seconded motion. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/yes, Rafti/, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Going on the premise that recreation would take over the hut the Mayor & Council and borough attorney prepared guidelines to run the hut and the following was presented to the commission:

1. A cash register is bought and can have software installed to list all items sold that way a receipt can be printed out of what was sold.
2. Before the hut is opened Mayor and Council is given an invoice of what was purchased to be sold.
3. All receipts get turned into the Boro Hall daily. M. Carrick spoke with J. Perkins and he will work out who receives them.
4. The cash from the night's sales be deposited in an account where Mayor & Council are able to see the balance.
5. If a check is written against the account the Mayor & Council need an invoice and a copy of the check.
6. When money needs to be given to any sports program both the Recreation and Council sit down and talk about it and agree on it.
7. Only Recreation and the town run the hut, no sports groups.

The Recreation would oversee control of the hut and the volunteers who will work the hut. Discussed was a possible percentage of money that would be designated to Little League from the operation of the hut during their season as the volunteers are coming from Little League. When asked what happens if there are no volunteers from Little League, Council Liaison said the hut will then be closed.

Chairman asked Council Liaison if the Mayor & Council would be opposed to giving the hut back to Little League at this time and was told yes. If Recreation decides not to control the hut they will look to privatize the hut and all funds would then go back to the borough as it is a town owned building.

Suggestion was discussed to form an auxiliary for this hut made up from the different sport programs as all programs would be able to benefit from having a league relief fund in the Recreation budget.

Council Liaison stated that the Mayor & Council would like to see the Jr. Football games remain at the Dumont High School field for the 2011 season and beyond.

Council Liaison asked if Veteran's Memorial Field can be used after the parade to have a softball or baseball game with members of the fire and police departments. Field is not being used on that day by any sport program due to the parade and will be open for use for this game, per permit schedule.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Thank you to the commissioners who were at the last work shop in which there was discussion regarding the hut and the need for league relief.

Volunteers are the backbone of this town. Recreation will have a campaign to acknowledge the volunteers and encourage new volunteers to come forward to help with our programs. Signs will be made and displayed at the Recreation Office and at each and every signup encouraging people to volunteer. National Volunteer Week is April 10th through April 16th. Recreation will have a banner made that can be displayed for the month of April each year thanking the volunteers.

Met with the President of Dumont Little League and representatives of the league. Discussed was issue of field maintenance and the cost to Little League to have to outsource the cutting of the field. When the DPW was approached they said they will not deter from their field schedule they set up for mowing the fields. Farm Field is in very bad shape and it was discussed at this meeting about skinning the field to keep the infield clean. Also discussed were some issues regarding the hut.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

The temporary budget for 2011 that has been approved so far is \$52,326. Please let your programs know that their allotment from 2010 may be reduced for 2011 due to the budget cuts.

The new procedure for payments of referees is working well for boys and girls basketball and for the roller hockey program. All of the referees are submitting their 1099's to the Recreation Office.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The following field permits were issued for the 2011 Spring/Summer Season as of 3/2/11:

BEDFORD FIELD

MARCH :

Men's Softball – *Contact Ed Geissman 201-893-1042 cell*

March 14th, 2011 for entire month – Monday through Friday 3pm to dark

APRIL- JULY:

Mondays & Thursdays 6pm-dark – Ladies Softball

Contact Person – Teri Solari 201-286-9633 cell

Sundays – 11:30am to 1:30 pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays – 6pm dark – MEN'S SOFTBALL

Contact person Ed Geissman [REDACTED] – cell

Madison's Men's Sunday Morning Softball League – Tom Mertz contact person [REDACTED]

Sunday morning games from April 1st through July 17th from 9am to 11:30am.

GINA'S FIELD:

Dumont Girl's Softball - Saturdays & Sundays – March 1st through August 29th, 2011 – 8am to dusk

Monday through Friday – March 1st through August 29th, 2011 8am-dusk

Permit for DGS issued to Dr. Healy, President [REDACTED]

COLUMBIA FIELD:

Field Permit given to DHS for use of Columbia for DHS Girls Softball Season:

Monday through Friday 3-6pm beginning Friday March 4th and ending approximately the end of the first week in June for practices & games.

Saturdays for practices – 8am to 11am – 3/5, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14 and 5/21

Dates for HOME scrimmages & games – SATURDAYS - 3/19-(9am-1pm), 3/26-(9am-1pm), 4/9-(10am-2pm), 4/30-(9am-1pm), 5/7-(10am-2pm).

Columbia Field – Sr. Field & Sugar & Spice Field:

Saturdays & Sundays – March 1st through August 29th, 2011 – 8am to dusk with exception of dates H.S. is using field and the times the H.S. is permitted the field.

Monday through Friday – March through June 3rd the DHS girl's softball is using field from 3 to 6pm DGS to use field after until dusk

Monday through Friday, June 6th through August 30th DGS 8am-dusk

MEMORIAL PARK FIELDS:

FRANK MANNING MAJOR LEAGUE FIELD

Monday through Sunday from 8am to 10pm from March 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010. –

Contact person David Searles – [REDACTED]

We ask that consideration be given to residents living in the area and field maintenance, practices or games do not start early on Sundays.

Field is being used for Town Celebration's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April, 16th, 2011 9am-noon and not available to Little League.

Please note that in August, there will be Summer Concert Series on Thursday evenings starting at 7pm. We ask that you not schedule games/practices during these concerts.

Field permit given out to only Dumont Little League teams.

MINOR LEAGUE FIELD

Monday through Sunday from 8am to 10pm from March 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010.

Contact person David Searles - (908) 261-1111

We ask that consideration be given to residents living in the area and field maintenance, practices or games do not start early on Sundays.

Field is being used for Town Celebration's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April, 16th, 2011 9am-noon and not available to Little League.

Please note that in August, there will be Summer Concert Series on Thursday evenings starting at 7pm. We ask that you not schedule games/practices during these concerts.

Field permit given out to only Dumont Little League teams.

FARM DIVISION FIELD

Monday through Sunday from 8am to 10pm from March 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010.

Contact person David Searles - (908) 261-1111

We ask that consideration be given to residents living in the area and field maintenance, practices or games do not start early on Sundays.

Please note that in August, there will be Summer Concert Series on Thursday evenings starting at 7pm. We ask that you not schedule games/practices during these concerts.

Field permit given out to only Dumont Little League teams.

TBALL FIELD

Monday through Sunday from 8am to 10pm from March 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010.

Contact person David Searles - (908) 261-1111

We ask that consideration be given to residents living in the area and field maintenance, practices or games do not start early on Sundays.

Field is being used for Town Celebration's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April, 16th, 2011 9am-noon and not available to Little League.

Please note that in August, there will be Summer Concert Series on Thursday evenings starting at 7pm. We ask that you not schedule games/practices during these concerts.

Field permit given out to only Dumont Little League teams.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL FIELDS ARE IN USE BY THE DUMONT SUMMER RECREATION CAMP DURING THE HOURS OF 9AM TO 1PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY STARTING JUNE 27TH AND COMPLETING ON AUGUST 5TH.

Contact Person for Dumont Little League - David Searles - (908) 261-1111 (cell)

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL FIELD:

Field Permits issued to **DHS Baseball** for Veteran's Memorial Field as follows: Contact Person, **DHS Athletic Director Nic Nese** - (908) 261-1111

Monday thru Friday - 3:00-6:00pm starting Friday, March 4th through

the end of 1st week of June.

Saturdays: 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 4/16 and 5/7 – 8am-11am (*practices*)

Saturdays: 3/26-10am-2pm, 4/2-10am-2pm, 4/9-10am-2pm, 4/30-9am-1pm,
5/7-10am-2pm (*scrimmages and home games*)

Friday: 5/6/11 – 7:00 pm Bergen Catholic game under lights

Field Permits to be issued to Men's Baseball Program after scheduled was reviewed by T. Como and approved:

Contact Person for Men's League, Jayson Gibbons [REDACTED]

Men's League Plays on Sunday's starting with April 3rd/9am, April 10th/9am, April 17th double header/9am&11:30am, May 1st double header/9am&11:30am, May 15th/9am, May 22nd double header/4pm&7pm, June 5th/9am, June 12th double header/9am/11:30am, June 26th double header/9am/11:30, July 10th double header/4pm&7pm, July 17th double header/9am&11:30am, July 24th/9am, July 31st/makeup games

One game played on Saturday, June 18th double header/4pm&7pm

Veteran's Memorial Field Permits issued to Sr. Baseball for Memorial Field as follows:

Contact Person for Sr. Baseball – Tony Como – [REDACTED]

Monday through Friday – March 7th through July 31st From 6pm to 10pm (*when HS season is done field use by Sr. Baseball starts earlier*)

No field use during Summer Recreation Camp between the hours of 9am-1pm camp runs June 27th through August 5th.

Saturday 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 4/16 and 5/7 – Noon-10pm (*practices*)

Saturdays: 3/26-2pm-10pm, 4/2-2pm-10pm, 4/9-2pm-10pm, 4/30-1pm-10pm,

5/7-2pm-10pm (*practices & games*)

(*when HS season is done field use by Sr. Baseball starts earlier*)

BOE Fields that were requisitions on the following fields for Recreation Programs:

DHS FIELD: DUMONT SOCCER

Permit for Dumont Recreation Soccer issued to: Tim Downing, President Dumont Soccer [REDACTED]

- Saturdays 9am to 6pm March 5th through June 25th, 2011
- Sundays 9am to 6pm March 5th through June 26, 2011
- Tuesdays 4:30-9pm – June 14th through August 2nd
- Thursdays 4:30pm-9pm – June 16th through August 4th

HONISS FIELD:

- August 8th through August 12th – 9am-Noon – Soccer Camp

Permit for Dumont Recreation Soccer issued to: Tim Downing, President Dumont Soccer 201-788-0970

REQUEST FOR USE OF HONISS FIELD BY DUMONT RECREATION SR. BASEBALL FOR 2011 SPRING SEASON: Contact Person for Sr. Baseball – Tony Como [REDACTED]

USE OF FIELD FROM NOON TO DUSK

SATURDAYS:

3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18 AND 6/25

SUNDAYS:

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/16, 5/1, 5/15, 5/22, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19 AND 6/26

(no field on 4/17, 4/24, 5/29)

Madison's Men's Sunday Morning Softball League – Tom Mertz contact person [REDACTED]

A requisition has been submitted to Honiss School for their approval on your behalf to use Honiss Field as you have requested for your Sunday morning games from April 1st through June 15th from 9am to 11:30am. (no field on 4/17, 4/24, 5/29)

Per BOE, Mr. Cartotto, Honiss Field is CLOSED from JUNE 15th through AUGUST 7th, 2011 – No activities are permitted on this field during this time.

SELZER FIELD:

- Saturdays 9am-dark – DGS – 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28

Permit for DGS issued to Dr. Rich Healy, President [REDACTED]

- Sundays – 9am to 6pm – SOCCER March 6th through June 26th, 2011

Permit for Dumont Recreation Soccer issued to: Tim Downing, President Dumont Soccer [REDACTED]

Permit for use of Field from 8:00-11:00am by Men's Soccer League, Contact Moe Yose [REDACTED] 3rd through June 19th)

RYAN CASPARE PAVILION

Grant School Kindergarten Field Day – Thursday, May 12th (raindate Thursday, May 19th) 9am-3pm – Contact Nancy Hutchinson [REDACTED]

Men's Softball using Hickory Field in Bergenfield

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8pm-10:30pm – April 1st through June 1st, 2011.

Request has been submitted from Dumont Bulls 12U Spring Travel Team for use of Major & Minor Field at Memorial Park for an anticipated 5 home games on Sundays. The roster has been submitted and insurance paperwork has been requested.

Request has been submitted from Dumont Heat 10U Spring Travel Team for use of Major & Minor Field at Memorial Park for home games on Sundays. Insurance will be requested for coverage under the PBI League covering the Borough of Dumont.

Both teams will go through Dumont Little League President, Dave Searles in order to schedule field time. It is understood that Dumont Little League teams and program and it's need for practices and make up games will take precedence if time on Sunday is needed for the Dumont Little league Program.

D. Aponte made a motion to give permission for use of the Major/Minor fields to both the Dumont Bulls 12U Spring Travel Team and Dumont Heat 10U Spring Travel Team on Sunday's for their games. The teams are not to use the fields until all of the designated insurance information is received by Recreation. Scheduled time will be designated through Dumont Little League President, Dave Searles. M. Vietri seconded motion. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/yes, Rafti/, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried.

Following discussed at Department Head Meeting of 3/2/11 and brought to the Recreation Commission.

Twin Boro Field – a 3 volume report was given to the Mayor & Council for review. Cost to remediate the field between \$700,000-\$900,000. Once approved by M&C it will go out to bid. No time frame for the field work at this time.

Request is being made to the Council Liaison at tonight's meeting that the Recreation Commission be given information regarding what is being planned regarding Twin Boro Field.

DPW was told that the Minor League backstop wood will need to be put back up. While doing the backstop fence repair deep ruts from the truck tore up by home plate and this needs to be filled in. Little League had a question regarding purchase of clay, does the borough purchase all the clay for the fields. The DPW purchases clay for the borough's fields but DLL has always purchased additional clay at a higher grade than what the town purchases during the season.

Brought up about the left field area flooding at Veteran's Memorial Field and how it is always wet in the area or flooded. DPW said there was a leak in the sprinkler head that was repaired. There shouldn't be a problem in the area now.

Asked if we can put a banner up for the month of April for Volunteer Week and this was approved by Borough Administrator & DPW will put this up.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

D. APONTE:

Basketball Cheerleading: Uniform bill has not been submitted just yet. Girl's playoff is Saturday, March 26th at 9am at Dumont High School for 7th/8th graders. Girl's playoff is at Lincoln School, Saturday, March 19th starting at 10am. P. Musse will send the schedules for the boys playoffs which will take place at Grant School.

Competition Cheerleading: There are 3 competitions remaining. There is a trip to Atlantic City scheduled at the end of March. Program raised \$3,000 with the recent tricky tray. End of season party will be on March 31st at the Bergen Irish Club.

J. GALLIGAN:

Memorial Park Food Hut: Issue with water leaking inside window needs to be addressed.

Twin Boro Field Food Hut: No report

Football Cheerleading: Most of the coaches have signed the Code of Ethics. Waiting to set up a meeting with Football President, G. Aponte and Cheering President, T. Kolodziej before the start of their season

Little League: Request has been made to hold the Bergen County Memorial Weekend Classic on the Major & Minor League Fields over the Memorial Day weekend. The field would be available for Friday and Saturday. Program is also asking for use of the food hut as this is the only portion of this event they would make money.

J. Galligan made a motion to allow the use of Major & Minor League Field at Memorial Park to host the Bergen Classic Memorial Weekend Baseball Tournament for Friday, May 27th and Saturday, May 28th. D. Kostantakis seconded motion.

Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/yes, Rafti/, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried.

Girl's Volleyball: There are 38 participants signed up. A dozen volleyballs have been ordered.

D. KOSTINTAKIS:

Girls Basketball: High School A.D. changed the original date of the girls basketball championship from Friday night due to a school function, new date is Saturday, March 26th for the 7th/8th grade girls starting at 9am. The championship for the 5th/6th grade girls is at Lincoln School starting at 10am.

There will be a pizza party after the games.

Trophies and medals will be ordered.

Scoreboard at Lincoln School is not working. Looking into repairing this unit.

Jr. Football: Program is entering into the Bergen Passaic Jr. Football League for the 2011 season. Registration will be March 7th, 21st and 28th at the borough hall between 6-8pm.

Jr. Football has requested a Texas Hold Em fundraiser to be held at the Closter Elks on March 25th. Vote was taken through email.

D. Kostantakis made a motion for Dumont Jr. Football to hold a Texas Hold Em fundraiser at the Closter Elks on March 25th. J. Rafti seconded motion. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/yes, Rafti/, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried.

P. MUSSE:

Boys Basketball: There are four games left to the season and then the playoffs. All games and championship games will be played at Grant. Schedule to be given to Basketball Cheerleading.

Pizza party

Roller Hockey: Season is coming to a close.

J. RAFTI:

Men's Softball: Bergenfield has given permission to use Hickory Field on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from at a cost of \$15.00 per game for the use of the lights. The program will open up for Bergenfield residents.

Ladies Softball: No report

Coach's Certification/Fingerprinting: Both of the certification nights had a good number of new coaches and assistants.

Girl's Softball: Program wants to purchase and install a scoreboard at Gina's Field. Location of the scoreboard would be down past the first base line. Plans would need to go through the building department and work with the electrical lines at the field.

J. Rafti made a motion to give permission to Dumont Girls Softball to purchase through their funds a scoreboard which will be placed at Gina's Field. Location of scoreboard be approved through building and DPW Departments. M. Vietri seconded motion. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/yes, Rafti/, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried.

Registration is still open.

The left field of Gina's Field needs to be filled in with dirt as there are large holes in this area.

Men's Soccer: Has applied for the use of a field for their Spring season. Selzer School for Sunday mornings 8-11am has been requisitioned.

Women's Softball: League is looking for borough assistance for their 2011 league registration fees.

J. Rafti made a motion to give the \$300.00 allotted to the Ladies' Softball Program to off set their league registration fees for 2011. P. Musse seconded motion. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/yes, Rafti/, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried.

Fishing Derby: No report

R. RIQUELME:

Board of Education: Will be having an Open Public meeting to discuss the budget on March 24th.

Coach's Certification/Fingerprinting(2nd): No Report

Concerts/Movies: No report

Sr. Baseball: Most coaches have signed the Code of Ethics.

M. VIETRI:

Flag football- No report

Soccer: Waiting for approval of their field requests for their Spring/Summer program.

Wrestling- Twenty-two boys went to the districts, 4/placed First, 4/placed Second, 4/placed Third. There are still 2 boys going into the States.

OLD BUSINESS:

J. Rafti wants to know if the lightening detectors have all be tested before any of the field permits have been issued. Question to be posed to the Borough Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS:

All you can eat Italian dinner to help with the cost of the medical treatments for Paul Magnotta. Paul Magnotta was a very big part of Dumont Recreation programs. Event is Saturday, March 19th at Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$10.00 per person one ticket is for one hour seating. Donations can be made to Paul Magnotta Cancer Fund.

D. Aponte made a motion for recreation to cover the cost of a banner for Volunteer Week that will be displayed yearly in the month of April. Proposed cost \$275.00. R. Riquelme seconded motion. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/yes, Rafti/, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Rafti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m. P.Musse 2nd seconded motion. Vote as follows: Aponte/, Galligan/, Kostantakis/, Musse/, Rafti/, Riquelme/, Vietri/. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Totten,
March 3, 2011